

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee native and Colorado Rockies pitcher Rex Coleman Brothers.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor an upstanding ambassador of this State for his accomplishments on the baseball field; and

WHEREAS, Rex Coleman Brothers, who plays as a pitcher for the Colorado Rockies, is one such estimable individual who has been recognized for his exceptional athletic prowess; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brothers was born on December 18, 1987, in Murfreesboro to Andy and Carol Brothers, and he is the proud brother of Courtney and Hunter Brothers; and

WHEREAS, Rex Brothers played in youth leagues in Unionville and Shelbyville for several years, playing for the Community Lions and the Shelbyville Sport Shop; and

WHEREAS, he played on several travel teams, including the Music City Canes, Nashville Bandits, Murfreesboro Mudcats, and Team Rebels, and he played American Legion Baseball with Shelbyville Post 23; and

WHEREAS, as an eighth grader, Rex Brothers served as a starting pitcher on the Community High School team, and transferred to Shelbyville Central High School just before his junior year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brothers, a left-handed pitcher, helped lead the Shelbyville Central Eagles to a regular season and district tournament championship during his time on the team; and

WHEREAS, he was named District 8AAA Pitcher of the Year and District 8AAA Co-MVP his senior year and graduated from Shelbyville Central in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Rex Brothers received a baseball scholarship to David Lipscomb University, where he was a three-year starter and claimed wins over teams such as the University of Georgia and Louisiana State University, both powerhouses in the Southeastern Conference; and

WHEREAS, during his three years at Lipscomb, Mr. Brothers averaged 10.13 strikeouts per 9 innings and scorched the opposition his final year with 132 strikeouts; and

WHEREAS, after his junior year of college, Rex Brothers was drafted by the Colorado Rockies as the thirty-fourth pick in the first round of the 2009 Major League Amateur Baseball Draft; and

WHEREAS, upon being drafted, Mr. Brothers went to play for several Minor League Baseball teams, including the Tri-City Dust Devils and the Asheville Tourists in 2009, the Modesto Nuts and the Tulsa Drillers in 2010, and the Colorado Springs Sky Sox in 2011; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the minor league season in 2010, Rex Brothers was selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League, an offseason league which is owned and operated by Major League Baseball and features many top minor league prospects. Mr. Brothers played for the Scottsdale Scorpions, who won the championship that year; and

WHEREAS, he was also selected to play in the Rising Stars Showcase, a Minor League All-Star game played midway through the Arizona Fall League season; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the minor leagues, Mr. Brothers's statistics included a 3.13 earned run average (era), a 7-5 record, and 11.77 strikeouts per 9 innings; and

WHEREAS, Rex Brothers was called up to play with the Colorado Rockies in the major leagues on June 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the statistics for his first major league season included appearances in 48 games with a 2.88 era, 59 strikeouts, and 20 base-on-balls; and

WHEREAS, Rex Brothers's tireless and noble efforts as a pitcher have contributed greatly to the success of the baseball teams on which he has played, and it is fitting that we join with the people of Tennessee in saluting this dazzling player who has excelled time and again on the baseball diamond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rex Coleman Brothers on his tremendous success as a pitcher for the Colorado Rockies and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.